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In re the Application of: **Makoto TOMIOKA et al.**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submits the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.